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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who is alarmed at the possible approval of the USTellecom petition. Such a petition will reduce competition with less choice of providers for consumers such as myself. Besides forcing us to choose between one or two providers, less competition will lead to prices hikes for us to pay. Also having more competition between providers increases the incentive for increased performance & benefits for the consumers.

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